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# State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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Partial: X Complete:\_

Exploration:\_

Inspection Date & Time: <u>July 2, 1999, 9:30 to 11:30 AM</u>

Date of Last Inspection: June 28, 1999

Mine Name: <u>Castle Gate</u> County: <u>Carbon</u> Permit Number: <u>ACT/007/004</u>

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: <u>Castle Gate Holding Company</u> Business Address: <u>847 Northwest Highway 191</u>, Helper, Utah <u>84526</u>

Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant Other\_

State Officials(s): Paul Baker

Company Official(s): Johnny Pappas

Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy, 80's

Existing Acreage: Permitted-7509.5 Disturbed-61 Regraded-abt. 29 Seeded-abt 29 Bonded-61

Increased/Decreased: Permitted-<u>0</u> Disturbed-<u>0</u> Regraded-<u>0</u> Seeded-<u>0</u> Bonded-<u>0</u> Status: \_Exploration/\_Active/\_Inactive/\_Temporary Cessation/\_ Bond Forfeiture

Reclamation (X Phase I/\_Phase II/\_Final Bond Release/\_Liability\_Year)

### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For <u>complete inspections</u> provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - b. For <u>partial inspections</u> check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		<b>EVALUATED</b>	<u>N/A</u>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[X]	П	П	П
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	П	Ц	Ц	П
3.	TOPSOIL	$\overline{\Box}$	П	Ц	П
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	П	Ц	П	П
b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	Ω	Ц	П	Ц
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	$\overline{[X]}$	П	Ц	Ц
d.	WATER MONITORING	Ц	Ц	Ц	П
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	П			
5.	EXPLOSIVES		$\Pi$	П	Ц
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	$\overline{\Box}$	$\Pi$	Ц	Ц
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	$\overline{\square}$	П	Ц	П
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	$\overline{\square}$	П	Ц	П
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND				
	RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	П	П	Ц	П
l0.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	Ū			
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	Ц	Ц	П	Ц
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING	$\overline{[X]}$	$\Pi$	[X]	ĹÏ
13.	REVEGETATION	[X]	П	[X]	П
١4.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	П	Ц	П	Ц
l5.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	ĹΪ		П	П
l6.	ROADS:				
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[X]	Ц	П	Ц
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[X] [X]	Ш		$\Box$
l7.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	П	Ц	Ц	$\Box$
l8.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	П	Ц	П	П
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(date)	Ц	Ц	П	
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	Ū			
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	[X]	Ш	П	Ш



#### INSPECTION REPORT

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## (Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

#### 12. Backfilling and Grading

Mr. Pappas and I walked up on the bench where the No. 3 Mine portal was. We were looking in particular at an area near the upper portion of HCRD-6 where the slope is very steep to nearly vertical. This is the only backfilled area where we have found any cracks from settling or other differential movement. Mr. Pappas expressed concern about whether the slope was stable, and we decided the best thing to do was to have an engineer look at the slope. I have asked Wayne Western, Division reclamation engineer, to examine the slope.

#### 13. Revegetation

As discussed in the report for the June inspection, vegetation is coming along reasonably well except for a few areas. There are numerous seedlings on the most of the slope by the No. 3 Mine, but the southern part of this slope is not as well vegetated. Many of the transplants put in last year have survived despite being planted in the middle of summer.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM), Johnny Pappas (Castle Gate)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:

Paul B. Baker #41 Date: July 9, 1999